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Title: Regarding functioning of vigilance and monitoring committee in various districts under the Ministry of Rural Development.

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY (BAHARAMPUR): Madam, it is believed that the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee, under the Ministry of Rural Development, Central Government, was set up with an aim of supervising the expenditure related to the rural development in each district. I hail from a district named Murshidabad which is represented by three MPs. In the year 2012, the post of the Chairman of the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee of my district was held by none other than hon. Rashtrapati Ji, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. Once he was elevated to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee stopped meeting till date. In spite of my persuasion to the District Collector and to the State Government not even a single Committee meeting has been held in my district Murshidabad. Now, already three years have elapsed without a single Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting. I have written scores of letters to the District Collector but the DC has got the temerity of not even replying my letter. I do not know how the District Collectors in Bengal dare so much. I believe at the behest of the ruling regime in Bengal the District Collectors has the temerity to do this. The only offence that I have committed is that I belong to the Opposition Party in West Bengal. So, I need the intervention of the Central Government into this issue. I think, it is a privilege that has been infringed upon by the District Collector at the behest of the ruling regime in my State.